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Methodist Church Centennial

Celebration

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1954 — 2:00 P. M.

Church dedication by Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, Supt.
Winston-Salem Dist.

8:00 P. M. — Service by former pastor, Rev. J. Combs

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1954 — 8:00 P. M.

Service by former pastor Rev. I. L. Sharpe

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1954 — 8:00 P. M.

Service by former pastor Rev. J. H. Green

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1954 — 8:00 P. M.

Service by former pastor Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt
Dist. Supt. Waynesville Dist.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1954 — 8:00 P. M.

Service by former pastor Rev. H. D. Garmon

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1954 — 8:00 P. M.

Service by former pastor Rev. W. R. Jenkins

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1954 — 8:00 P. M.

Begins a week of revival services by
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PREFACE

To the many people who have helped find much of this history, I wish to express my appreciation.

Most of this history is taken from the minutes of the quarterly conferences, therefore it concerns many churches. I have tried to gather the most interesting facts concerning the Yadkinville church and some concerning the charge parsonage. To make this as brief as possible many known facts have been left out, and names of many people are of necessity left out of this brief history. No person's name has been intentionally omitted, only those mentioned who were connected with some historical fact which I thought worthy of note are included in this history.

In my diligent search for lost bits of historical data I have been made to realize the importance of keeping a complete and accurate record of our present church history.

Roy C. Mason.

In 1850 Yadkin County was laid off and established out of that portion of Surry County which lies south of the Yadkin River, known at that time as Little Surry. A spot near the center of this new formed county was chosen for the County Seat, and was named Wilson. A year or so later the location of the County Seat was moved approximately one mile east and the name changed to Yadkinville.

There may have been a Methodist Church here before Yadkin County was established, but if there were, we have no record of what it might have been called. Therefore we presume that the first Methodist Church of Yadkinville was organized between 1852 and 1854. To substantiate this we give the following information: Recorded in the Register of Deeds office in Yadkinville, Book A, page 414 is the record where the trustees of the Yadkinville Methodist Church purchased one lot number 49 in the town of Yadkinville from Yadkin County on January 3, 1854. The trustees being William White, Christian Sheek, John Long, Isaac Long, Solomon Vestal, James Sheek and George Holcomb.

The first official record of the church history that we have been able to find was in the year 1859. Yadkinville was on the Jonesville circuit. The first quarterly conference for that year was held at Yadkinville March 5, 1859 with the following members present: C. M. Anderson, pastor, W. A. Roby, N. L. Vaneaton, Absolom Mathews, William White, Nathan Mackie, James Sheek, A. Speer, John E. Grant, Isaac Holt, John B. Holcomb, and H. H. McMahan. James Sheek was elected secretary of the conference. The churches on the charge at that time were: Prospect, Macedonia, Bethany, Jonesville, Ailsbury, Shilo, Mt. Moriah, Center, Yadkinville, Wesley's Chapel, Haynes Chapel, Zion's Chapel, Providence, Mt. Pleasant and Hickory Grove. The pastor for that year received the sum of \$201.90.

During the summer months of this year there were seven Sunday Schools in operation, but all were closed by November because of bad weather.

In the year 1860 I. F. Keirns replaced Mr. Anderson as pastor, and T. L. Tolbert was elected superintendent of Sunday School at Yadkinville.

At the third quarterly conference for the Jonesville Circuit held at Yadkinville July 7, 1860: "The building committee for the church at Yadkinville was authorized to sell the lot first purchased for a church site and apply it to a second lot bought by the committee. The committee was also authorized to estimate the cost of building a suitable church in Yadkinville and to take subscriptions for same." We do not know the location of this second lot.

The same pastor and Superintendent of Sunday School served during the year of 1861.

In those days people were expelled from church for extremely bad conduct.

At the third quarterly conference of the Jonesville circuit held at Wesley's Chapel July 27, 1861, this question was asked.

"Question No. 5, How many more have been received into the church and how many expelled?" Answer. Thirteen white and one colored received — none expelled.

W. D. Meacham served this circuit during the year of 1862 and 1863, and as far as we could find out T. L. Tolbert was Superintendent of Sunday School.

In the minutes of the first quarterly conference of the Jonesville circuit held at Center March 23, 1863 is this interesting information.

Question 8. "Is there any other business?"

Answer. "James Sheek is authorized to take \$25.00 arising from the sale of the old church and lot around it, in purchasing a stove and putting it up in the new church."

The records do not show to which church this is referring, but since James Sheek was a member of the committee that purchased the lots in Yadkinville we are led to believe that this new church is at Yadkinville.

In the year 1864 James F. Smoot came here as pastor and remained through 1865. At the first quarterly conference for the Jonesville circuit held at Yadkinville February 20, 1864 the following assessments were made for the year

Providence	\$112.50	Ailsbury	25.00
Mt. Pleasant	25.00	Shiloah	20.00
Macedonia	225.00	Mt. Moriah	450.00
Prospect	337.50	Center	562.50
Mt. Sinia	135.00	Yadkinville	225.00
Zion's Chapel	337.50	Hickory Grove	67.50
Wesley's Chapel	382.50	Jonesville	630.00
Buch Shoals	90.00		

Total of \$3,625.00. This is a much larger sum than any previous assessment, but it was during the war between the states and the value of confederate currency was shrinking.

The year 1866 saw James Needham on this charge as pastor, and at the first conference A. H. Thompson was appointed a steward at Yadkinville.

At the third quarterly conference for the Jonesville circuit held at Mt. Moriah July 7, 1866: "J. G. Marler, A. H. Thompson and A. Speer were appointed a committee to investigate the matter in regard to the lot purchased some two years ago, in the town of Yadkinville, for the Methodist Church, and report to the next quarterly conference for this circuit."

At the fourth conference at Center September 29, 1866 was the following report: "The committee appointed to investigate the matter of the Yadkinville church lot, reports that they had ascertained that the Clerk of Yadkin County held the note for said lot amounting to \$26.00, and that no payment has been made on said note. James Sheek is authorized to apply the money now in his hands for which the old or first Methodist lot was sold to the payment of said note, or as far as it will pay, and to see that said payment is credited on the note."

In the year 1867 L. F. Way was the new pastor and at the second quarterly conference held at Yadkinville May 18, 1867 the following important matter came up. Question 9. "Is there any miscellaneous business?" Answer. "Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to inquire into the expediency of a division of the Jonesville circuit and if thought expedient report a plan of division." A. Speer, A. N. Tomlin, W. A. Roby,

James Sheek and A. Matthews were appointed said committee.

At the fourth quarterly conference at Mt. Moriah October 19, 1867 J. G. Marler was appointed to close up the business of the church lot at Yadkinville if possible and secure deed to the same. The following resolution was offered by J. G. Marler and adopted by the conference. "Resolved by the conference now in session that we recommend that the following churches: Jonesville and Hickory Grove, be attached to the Elkin circuit and that no other changes at the present be made. The parsonage to be the property in common to the two circuits and to be divided according to "Equity".

The year 1868 was the first time this was known as the Yadkinville circuit. Not having a parsonage at Yadkinville the new pastor, J. D. Buie lived in a rented house owned by P. F. Armfield. Rev. J. D. Buie had served three years 1863, 1864 and 1865 as a chaplain in the confederate army.

In the year 1869 W. H. Barnes came to Yadkinville as the pastor of this charge, and at the first quarterly conference held at Yadkinville March 20, 1869 the following assessments were made and approved.

Mt. Moriah	\$66.00	Yadkinville	\$51.00
Zion's Chapel	66.00	Providence	21.00
Wesley's Chapel	66.00	Mt. Pleasant	11.00
Mt. Sinia	16.00	Prospect	11.00
Center	131.00	Macedonia	61.00

The total of \$500.00 was the assessment. This is much lower than the assessment made five years before, but this was in the post war years when money was scarce.

In the year 1870 the Yadkinville circuit went back into the Jonesville circuit and remained there until 1873.

In the minutes of the first quarterly conference for the Jonesville circuit held at Yadkinville February 18, 1871, with M. L. Wood as Presiding Elder and Miles Fay as pastor the following churches were on the charge:

Mt. Moriah	Wesley's Chapel	Prospect
Zion's Chapel	Mt. Sinia	Mt. Pleasant
Boonville	Center	Maple Springs
Yadkinville	Jonesville	Macedonia

In the minutes of the third quarterly conference at Mt. Moriah July 15, 1871 was the following motion: "On motion of Miles Fay Resolved that A. N. Tomlin, J. G. Marler and John M. Nicholson be appointed a committee to confer with the stockholders of the building in course of creating Yadkinville for a school house and see if the stockholders are desiring to sell and if so upon what terms it can be bought and report at the next conference." There was no further report on this resolution.

In 1872 R. T. M. Stephenson became pastor and served through 1875. J. G. Marler was appointed Superintendent of Sunday School at Yadkinville. At the close of this year the pastor reported 587 church members and 400 Sunday School members on the Jonesville circuit.

At the first quarterly conference held at Jonesville February 1, 1873, a motion was made, discussed and carried to move the parsonage from Jonesville to Yadkinville and Brother A. N. Tomlin, I. N. Vestal and R. R. Gwyn were appointed a committee to effect the removal on the best terms.

On April 7, 1873 I. N. Vestal, chairman of the parsonage committee of the Jonesville circuit, purchased from Joseph Dobson four lots in the town of Yadkinville for the sum of \$400.00. These lots were numbers 46, 47, 50, 51 on the town plot. These four lots are the ones from which the old church building was moved in 1948. Only they reached through to the Yadkinville High School street and were two lots wide.

At the second quarterly conference held at Macedonia April 26, 1873, John G. Marler, I. N. Vestal, John B. Holcomb, John M. Nicholson, William Royal, William O. Smith and R. R. Gwyn were elected trustees for the parsonage at Yadkinville. On motion John G. Marler was appointed an agent to purchase a lot in the town of Yadkinville on which to build a church.

On January 31, 1874, the first quarterly conference was held at Yadkinville for the Yadkinville circuit.

At Center on October 4, 1875 Rev. R. T. M. Stephenson made the following report. "We have had ten Sabbath Schools during the summer. All are suspended but three. We have about 500 scholars and 50 teachers."

In the minutes of the first quarterly conference held for the Yadkinville circuit at Yadkinville January 29, 1876, the pastor's salary was set at \$650.00. Rev. R. M. Brown was the pastor and remained the one year. At this same conference the following order was passed. "Rev. D. R. Bruton, the Presiding Elder, was authorized to draw the amount of money now in bank at Statesville belonging to the church and pay the same on a certain debt now going to A. Speer, said debt having been first made to P. F. Armfield for rent of house and lot in Yadkinville for parsonage or home for Brother J. D. Buie when he was on this circuit, and transferred by said Armfield to said Speer." J. D. Buie lived in Yadkinville while he was pastor of this charge in 1868, 8 years before.

At the same conference the following resolution was passed. "J. G. Marler was appointed to secure deed to the parsonage property from Joseph Dobson; and have said deed executed or made to the board of trustees heretofore appointed."

Another resolution. "On motion it is resolved that the Stewards raise by assessment on the several churches the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the purpose of recovering and raising the parsonage 1-2 story higher and building porch or portico to the same, and for the further purpose of buying cook stove, table and such other articles as are absolutely needed at the said parsonage; and it is resolved that the assessment shall be in proportion to the assessment made for the preacher's salary at the different churches, and it is further resolved that the assessment shall be twenty per cent (20%)."

On motion "J. G. Marler, A. H. Thomasson, and J. M. Nicholson were appointed to superintend the repair ordered to be made on the parsonage, and J. G. Marler was authoriz-

ed to receipt for whatever might be furnished to aid in the repair."

The following is the assessment made to the several churches. The first column is each church's part of the pastor's salary and the second column is the 20 per cent for parsonage repair.

Yadkinville	\$51.00	\$10.20
Center	110.00	22.00
Jonesville	62.00	12.40
Elkin	105.00	21.00
Maple Springs	26.00	5.20
Boonville	26.00	5.20
Mt. Pleasant	26.00	5.20
Prospect	26.00	5.20
Macedonia	51.00	10.20
Mt. Sinia	25.00	5.00
Good Will	11.00	2.20
Wesley's Chapel	80.00	16.00
Zion's Chapel	70.00	14.00
Mt. Moriah	70.00	14.00
Yadkin Institute	11.00	2.20
	<hr/> \$750.00	<hr/> \$150.00

At the second quarterly conference for 1876 A. H. Thomasson was elected Superintendent of Sunday School at Yadkinville.

At the first quarterly conference held at Yadkinville January 27, 1877, S. D. Peeler was the new pastor and he remained through 1880. At this conference the following resolution was passed.

"It is ordered by the conference that the trustees of the parsonage execute a mortgage of parsonage property in Yadkinville to Dr. C. M. Holcomb to secure a debt contracted in settlement made with Daniel Long for repair on said parsonage."

At the second quarterly conference held at Wesley's Chapel May 12, 1877, A. K. Murchison, A. N. Tomlin and John B. Holcomb were appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Brother J. G. Marler. The committee submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted.

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this to another world the soul of our beloved Brother J. G. Marler and whereas this event has filled our hearts with profound sorrow it is therefore resolved 1st. That we reverently bow with submission to the will of Almighty God. Yet we nevertheless feel that the void occasioned by the death of Brother Marler, he alone can fill, and that we mourn his loss not as those who have no hope, but trust his spirit has ascended to the mansions of bliss, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

"Resolved 2nd that in the death of our Brother the church has been deprived of one of her most valuable members, the county one of its best citizens and most efficient statesmen, and his family of a kind and affectionate husband and father, and earth of one of its brightest jewels."

"Resolved 3rd. that we tenderly sympathize with the family and relations in this their sad bereavement and earnestly pray Almighty God to sustain them by His grace, and cause them to realize that their loss is His gain."

"Resolved 4th. that these resolutions be spread upon the journals of this conference and a copy sent to the family also to Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication."

A. K. Murchison,

A. N. Tomlin,

J. B. Holcomb, Committee.

At the third quarterly conference Miles H. Long was elected to fill vacancy in parsonage committee caused by death of Brother J. G. Marler.

At the fourth quarterly conference the following paper was submitted.

"Viz. To the Presiding Elder and the members of the Yadkinville quarterly conference of the Salisbury District of the North Carolina M. E. Church South to be held at Center church October 6, 1877."

'Dear Father and Brethren: Having been a member of the M. E. Church for about seven years and having been an ordained local elder in said church for two years. I have concluded to unite with the M. E. Church South through your body if after due inquiry you conclude me worthy.'

This October 5, 1877.

Fraternally,

R. G. Green.

After due examination Brother Green was received into our church.

At Center on October 5, 1878 A. N. Tomlin and I. L. Holt were elected stewards for the following year for Yadkinville and I. N. Vestal was elected superintendent of Sunday School, and served through 1885.

It has been noticed that on several occasions people have been expelled from the church. Up until now there has not been a reason given, but at the first quarterly conference held on March 15, 1879 there was mentioned one expelled for immorality. Also at this conference J. B. Holcomb, I. L. Holt and I. N. Vestal were elected a board of trustees and building committee for a church in Yadkinville, and the parsonage trustees were authorized to deed to above board and committee a part of parsonage lot for locating said church.

At the fourth quarterly conference held for Yadkinville circuit and the Hunting Creek Mission at Wesley's Chapel October 11, 1879.

With only one minister for nearly all the county, and the only method of travel being by foot or by horse, it was necessary to have local men in each community who could conduct funerals, marriages and lead in the religious work. There were the local preachers who were passed on by the District conference, and there were the Exhorters who by passing a character test were appointed by the Presiding Elder. They had to have a license to preach or exhort. These licenses were renewed year after year as long as they passed the character test. At this conference all the local preachers made a

report. One of those reports is given here because it deals with the Yadkinville church.

"Dear Brethren,

At the beginning of the conference year I took the Sunday School in hand and continued in that labor until first quarterly conference. I was relieved by superintendent. I have kept up some regular appointments. I did not keep a statement of the number of sermons preached. I did not attend our protracted meetings as much as I desired because of special contract to build the church in Yadkinville. I feel that the Lord has helped my efforts.

Very respectfully,
R. G. Green."

This church that R. G. Green built is the church that was moved to the new site in 1948. The old church lot was purchased from the parsonage trustees. It was the southeast corner of parsonage lot. According to information received from talking to older people, the church was practically framed, when a wind storm twisted it all out of shape and it had to be torn down and rebuilt.

Early in the year of 1880 a district parsonage was purchased for the Salisbury District M. E. Church South at Statesville, North Carolina. To pay for said parsonage the Yadkinville circuit was assessed \$57.50. This amount was apportioned to the churches as follows also names of persons appointed by the quarterly conference to collect same:

Yadkinville	W. H. Marler	\$3.87½
Center	Dr. C. M. Holcomb	10.25
Jonesville	Miss A. Claywell	7.12½
Deep Creek	A. N. Tomlin	3.75
Mt. Moriah	Rev. L. A. Nicholson	3.75
Zion's Chapel	Wiley Gaither	3.12½
Wesley's Chapel	C. Z. Miller.	10.00
Sinia	D. Miller	3.75
Macedonia	W. H. Speas	6.25
Prospect	W. Allen	2.50
Mt. Pleasant	A. Ireland	1.25
Boonville	A. Davis	1.87½

I include this to show the use of the one-half cent piece. To many of us it looks very strange.

At the second quarterly conference held at Yadkinville March 27, 1880 the pastor S. D. Peeler gave the following report:

"All the Sunday Schools on the circuit were suspended during the winter except the one in Yadkinville which is in very good condition. Several others have opened recently and all the others will open soon.

He made this report on the general condition of the church. "The Spiritual condition of the church is good so far as known. Some sign of church building on the circuit. The new church in Yadkinville is up and nearly enclosed, hope to make a start on this line at some other points soon." At the same conference this question was asked. "What has been raised the present quarter for other projects? Answer. \$2.00 for Sunday

School, \$300.00 for church at Yadkinville." At the same conference was this report. "The trustees of the parsonage property in Yadkinville are authorized to sell the back lots (No. 50-51) of the parsonage property and apply the proceeds to discharge of mortgage debt in favor of Dr. C. M. Holcomb. On motion the matter of selling or moving the office belonging to the parsonage be let alone for the present."

The following report is in the minutes of the third quarterly conference of 1830: "On motion T. A. Nicholson and A. N. Tomlin were added to the building committee at Yadkinville to aid in securing the church, moving the office and inclosing the parsonage lot and church."

This office spoken of was evidently on the lot when it was purchased in 1873. Some of these small office buildings are still in existence, but most of them have made way for larger buildings. Since there were no stock laws every person had to fence his place against wandering cattle, horses and hogs. The parsonage lot and church lot were fenced in.

J. C. Rowe served this circuit as pastor in 1881. At the first quarterly conference he gave the following report:

"There is but one Sunday School in operation, this one is the Sunday School at Yadkinville, and it is succeeding well. All the other schools are still in winter quarters. We expect them to open by the first or middle of April."

At the fourth quarterly conference for that year the following record was read for the entire Yadkinville circuit: "Local preachers 8, white members 720, colored members 3, infants baptized 8, adults baptized 20, number of Sunday Schools 7, officers and teachers 55, scholars 475, volumes in library 50, value of same \$40.00, parsonages 1, value \$600.00, churches 10, value \$4,800.00."

The following resolution was passed at the same conference: "Resolved that this quarterly conference is opposed to any division of the Yadkinville circuit at present."

E. J. Eudalia served this circuit as pastor in 1882. At the first quarterly conference the trustees of the Yadkinville church property were authorized to procure a deed to said lot and borrow money, and to make mortgage on said property, and to pay off what debts are against said property.

The year of 1883 saw M. J. Hunt as the pastor, and he remained through 1884. The pastor's salary for 1883 was set at \$450.00 of which \$370.00 was paid. For 1884 the salary was set at \$370.00 of which \$261.00 was paid. At the fourth quarterly conference of 1883 Miles H. Vestal was elected district steward from Yadkinville church.

J. W. Pruett became the pastor in 1885 and remained through 1886. Isaac L. Holt was elected superintendent of Sunday School at Yadkinville for 1886 and served several years.

The minutes of the first quarterly conference held at Yadkinville, February 26, 1887 had Charles P. Snow as the new pastor. He remained through 1888. At this meeting he gave this report. "Most of the Sunday Schools are closed because of a measles epidemic, others because of bad weather." At the same meeting the trustees and building committee were appointed for a church at East Bend and Huntsville. The following building committee was elected for the Yadkinville church.

I. L. Holt, J. D. Hamlin, H. W. Douglas, R. E. Holton and M. H. Vestal. There was no further mention of this committee or what its purpose was.

The records for the years 1888, 1889 and 1890 were not to be found. Although it was found that M. H. Tuttle served here as pastor for the year 1889. And that James F. Butt served for the year 1890.

In 1891 J. F. Washburne served as pastor. The number of churches on this circuit was ten: Bockville, Center, Yadkinville, Longtown, Prospect, Mt. Pleasant, Macedonia, Huntsville, Mt. Moriah and Zion's Chapel. At the first quarterly conference it was voted that the parsonage trustees be instructed to borrow the money and pay off the parsonage debt. J. D. Hamlin was elected steward for Yadkinville church.

Rev. J. F. Washburne died at Yadkinville, June 29, 1891. N. J. Whittington finished out the year.

At the third quarterly conference held at Prospect, August 8, 1891 Miles Henry Vestal made application for and received license to preach. A report by N. J. Whittington at this meeting gave the following. "We have seven Sunday Schools on the circuit, most of them doing well. The School at Yadkinville suspended during the sickness of Brother Washburne, but has started up again since his death." Another report "The spiritual condition of the church is hopeful. The people give good attention to the gospel."

"We had a good meeting at all the appointments we have met. At Center last Sunday the congregation was large and attentive, and at the close we had an old fashion Methodist shout. We feel the Lord is with us, and that the God of Jacob will defend us." N. J. Whittington.

Resolutions of respect passed by the third quarterly conference of the Yadkinville circuit.

"Whereas the ruthless hand of death has taken from us our beloved pastor the Rev. J. F. Washburne. Who had only been with us long enough that we had learned to love him. He had united in him those qualities that adorn the Christian. Viz. devout, social, chaste and charitable, a good preacher who interested all that heard him. Therefore be it resolved, That we bow in resignation to the will of God and pray that while our brother's life was a benediction to us that we may be taught a valuable lesson in his death.

Resolved that the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of our body is hereby tendered to the widow and children in this hour of their great bereavement.

Resolved that a page in our circuit register be set apart as a memorial and these resolutions be inscribed thereon and a copy sent to the widow and children, also to the advocate for publication.

Resolved, that we tender the citizens of Yadkinville our thanks for their hospitality, caring for our brother and his family in their hour of affliction. Also to Dr. T. R. Harding for his faithful practice."

E. E. Smith, J. P. Nicholson.

At the fourth quarterly conference John C. Money was licensed to exhort. The following resolution was passed at this meeting: "Resolved that this quarterly conference respectful-

ly ask the Bishop to divide the Yadkinville circuit as follows. Yadkinville, Huntsville, Zion's Chapel and Mt. Moriah on South Yadkin circuit, and Center, Longtown, Boonville, Mt. Pleasant, Prospect and Macedonia in the North Yadkin circuit. Provided we can get Eagle Mills from the Iredell circuit and St. John's from the Mocksville circuit to South Yadkin circuit."

The year 1892 saw this circuit divided as planned. E. G. Pusey was pastor of the North Yadkin circuit and N. J. Whittington, pastor of the South Yadkin circuit. J. D. Hamlin was superintendent of Sunday Schools at Yadkinville.

In 1893 the circuit was returned to its original state with M. C. Field as pastor. He remained through 1894. At the first conference for 1893 it was voted that the board of stewards of North and South Yadkin circuits constitute the board for the Yadkinville circuit.

The debt on the parsonage was paid off April 15, 1893.

The following are the assessments made at the second quarterly conference of 1894: Macedonia, \$120.00; Prospect, \$75.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$25.00; Boonville, \$55.00; Center, \$150.00; Yadkinville, \$50.00; Mt. Moriah, \$25.00; Zion's Chapel, \$50.00; Huntsville, \$20.00; Longtown, \$15.00.

C. F. Craven was pastor for the year 1895 and 1896. There was very little record for these two years.

The records seem to indicate that the Yadkinville circuit had two pastors during the year of 1897. C. A. Wood serving at East Bend and S. P. Douglas at Yadkinville. In 1898 S. P. Douglas served the entire circuit. The churches were Macedonia, East Bend, Prospect, Mt. Pleasant, Boonville, Center and Yadkinville.

In the year 1899 A. J. Burrus came here as pastor and remained through 1902. James West, S. F. Fleming, J. D. Hamlin and C. F. Dunnagan were stewards at Yadkinville and Henry H. Mackie was superintendent of Sunday School. At the first quarterly conference held at Yadkinville, January 14, 1899, the pastor made the following report: "There are two Sunday Schools entirely Methodist, I mean to say they use our church literature and have not gone into winter quarters and one union Sunday School here at Yadkinville which is well managed by Prof. Zeno Dixon and other Sunday School officers and workers. Our people here in town generally attend this school."

Note — One of our most faithful members, Miles A. Martin and his wife, Peggy were married by Mr. Burrus in the year 1900.

There is no record of the activities during 1900, 1901 and 1902 except the annual conference record. A. J. Burrus was pastor and I. L. Holt, superintendent of Sunday Schools. The entire charge raised approximately \$650.00 per year for its total financial responsibility which was about one half its accepted quota.

J. P. Lanning was pastor for the year of 1903. The pastor made this report at Center, February 21, 1903. "Local preachers 5, church members 591, Sunday Schools 8, with 45 officers and teachers and 575 scholars."

The following committee was appointed to repair the parsonage: J. D. Hamlin, S. H. Wilmoth and J. L. Long.

At the third quarterly conference held at Yadkinville, August 15, 1903. The pastor made the following report. "The general state of the church is very good considering the hindrances. Typhoid fever at Prospect, whooping cough at Mt. Pleasant, and smallpox at Macedonia and East Bend have greatly retarded the work."

The year of 1904 found S. Taylor as pastor, and two new stewards were at Yadkinville: J. G. Marler and H. B. Nelson. I. L. Holt resigned as superintendent of Sunday School and R. E. Holton was elected to take his place.

This resolution was passed at the fourth quarterly conference. "Resolved that this quarterly conference ask the presiding elder to use his influence to have the circuit divided so as to locate a preacher at Yadkinville and one at East Bend." The circuit was divided, leaving on this circuit Center, Longtown, Boonville, Long's School House, Mt. Pleasant and Yadkinville.

At the first quarterly conference for the year of 1905 held December 31, 1904 at Yadkinville with A. W. Jacobs as pastor, the following visitors were present: Prof. Z. H. Dixon, M. T. Hinshaw, Rev. J. W. Long, Rev. W. L. Hutchens and W. B. Hinshaw. At this meeting J. G. Marler was elected as a referee to confer with one from East Bend circuit in adjusting the parsonage matter.

At the second conference H. F. Davis was elected a steward at Yadkinville. At this same conference the following were appointed delegates to the annual conference: Grover S. Williams, Miss Mamie Marler, Mrs. S. H. Wilmoth; alternates, Miss Percie O. Wilmoth, Miss Bettie Hendricks and I. L. Holcomb.

At the third quarterly conference J. G. Marler made the following report on division of parsonage property with East Bend.

"No division of the property has yet been made, but an agreement to allow East Bend circuit the sum of \$1.00 per month until the conference as a body can dispose of the matter."

At the fourth quarterly conference H. F. Davis was elected a member of the board of trustees to replace J. D. Hamlin.

In 1906 W. S. Dawson was the pastor and H. H. Mackie superintendent of Sunday School. At the second quarterly conference for this year C. F. Dunnagan was elected to the board of trustees to replace I. L. Holt, who had died, and H. B. Nelson replaced J. C. Money, who had resigned.

At the third quarterly conference the following report is made concerning the division of parsonage property: "I, your arbitrator appointed, met with J. B. Stinson, arbitrator for East Bend charge, and we chose Prof. Z. H. Dixon as third man. We all agreed that Yadkinville charge should pay the East Bend charge \$150.00 for their interest in the parsonage." Signed, J. H. Williams. The churches and parsonage on the Yadkinville circuit were valued as follows: Parsonage, \$650.00; Center, \$1,000.00; Boonville, \$600.00; Yadkinville, \$800.00; Longtown had no church building.

Rev. W. S. Dawson was back for the year of 1907. The stewards at Yadkinville were: R. E. Holton, H. B. Nelson and

H. F. Davis. R. E. Holton was also superintendent of Sunday School.

Rev. W. T. Albright served this circuit as pastor for the years 1908 and 1909. The board of stewards at Yadkinville consisted of R. E. Holton, J. O. Fleming and M. V. West.

At the third quarterly conference, May 8, 1909 the pastor made the following report.

"We organized an Epworth League at Center which was doing good work until the Sunday School crowded it out. We also had a prayer meeting at Yadkinville in which we used the league topics and which was well attended by the young people. This has been suspended temporarily. We hope to start it up after the commencement." W. T. Albright.

W. T. Carner served as pastor during 1910 and 1911. The stewards for these two years were R. E. Holton, A. E. Holton, C. F. Dunnagan and J. O. Fleming. R. C. Puryear was superintendent of Sunday School these two years.

J. D. Gibson served as pastor in 1912. R. E. Holton was superintendent of Sunday School in 1912 and 1913. The pastor made the following report to the first quarterly conference of 1912: "There are no Epworth Leagues in the bounds of the charge. There are three Sunday Schools. These schools are fairly well attended and all use the literature of the church. The instruction in some of them is very good."

I, as pastor must bring one criticism against some of these school. "There is not the order that ought to be."

In 1913 Prospect, Mt. Pleasant and East Bend were again on this circuit. With J. T. Stover as pastor. He remained on this charge for two years. At the close of the year the pastor gave the following report on Sunday Schools of the circuit.

Sunday School	Number		Teachers		Total
	Months	Open	Officers	Pupils	
East Bend	12	12	6	124	\$17.70
Prospect	12	12	7	119	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	6	6	7	45	3.78
Boonville	12	12	5	58	10.44
Center	12	12	9	80	12.50
Longtown	1	1	1	36	1.50
Yadkinville	12	12	12	50	12.50

In 1914 R. C. Puryear again was elected superintendent of Sunday School, and held this important office through 1923.

The value of the parsonage was set at \$600.00, the parsonage lot at \$200.00. The Yadkinville church building was valued at \$750.00, the lot at \$100.00.

Rev. W. M. Boring came here as pastor in 1915 remaining through 1919. In 1915 there were 54 members in the Yadkinville church. The stewards for this year were R. E. Holton, T. R. Harding and Leslie Dunnagan. During the years of 1915, 1916 and 1917 the great fear of war kept the people in an unsettled state.

Then the war came and during 1917 and 1918 many of the church members of this charge were in the army. Each member of the church that went to the army was given a Bible by the Yadkinville circuit. Those were sad and depressing years. There was anxiety and fear in the hearts of mothers,

fathers, brothers, sisters and wives for the loved ones overseas. Fortunately there was not a member of any church on this charge killed in action.

At the fourth quarterly conference for the year 1918 the members of this conference sent a request to the annual conference that W. M. Boring be returned for another year. The request was granted.

There is very little record for the years between 1919 and 1925. The annual conference journal gives J. C. Gentry as pastor for the year of 1920.

T. J. Ogburn served as pastor for 1921. The general knowledge concerning this year is that because of the run-down condition of the parsonage, he refused to live in it. Therefore rooms were rented at the home of N. E. McCollum. During the year a step to sell the parsonage property was put in motion. After much debate and some dissension the parsonage property was sold to Dr. V. F. Couch for the sum of \$1,904.00 on the 31st day of October, 1921. The parsonage trustees signing the deed were R. H. Mathews, W. A. Royal, I. D. Long, D. N. Norman, T. R. Harding, H. F. Davis and J. O. Fleming

The present parsonage was purchased on the same day from W. E. Rutledge for the sum of \$3,500.00.

F. W. Cook served this circuit during the years of 1922 and 1923. The year of 1923 saw the great leadership of R. C. Puryear, who had served continuously as superintendent of Sunday School since 1914 and had served three years at an earlier date, come to an end. He retired from office.

In the same year Longtown was taken from the Yadkinville circuit and put on the Jonesville circuit. This circuit with Boonville, Center, East Bend, Macedonia, Mt. Pleasant, Prospect and Yadkinville remained this way without a change until the union of all branches of the Methodist church in 1940.

R. E. Ward served as pastor in 1924 through 1926. Miss Hattie West served as superintendent of Sunday School in 1924 and 1925. At the first quarterly conference of 1925, Dr. T. R. Harding was elected district steward.

R. E. Holton was elected superintendent of Sunday School in 1926 but resigned at the second quarterly conference. T. R. Howell was elected to take his place, and held this office through 1931.

J. W. Combs served this circuit as pastor for the years of 1927-1928. The church trustees for 1927 were M. A. Martin, T. R. Harding and R. E. Holton. At the second quarterly conference Mrs. C. E. Wallace was elected steward of this church. At the third quarterly conference T. R. Howell was elected trustee to fill the vacancy made by the death of R. E. Holton.

In the year of 1928 M. A. Martin, H. F. Davis, V. T. Howell and Mrs. Raymond Cleary were the stewards. At the fourth quarterly conference of 1928 — "A committee composed of the following: L. F. Amburn, S. A. Spainhour, and C. G. Reavis were elected to buy the old parsonage property in Yadkinville and sell the present parsonage property if in their judgement such a trade ought to be completed."

Note — There was no further reference made by this committee or its findings.

T. A. Plyler served this circuit as pastor in 1929 through 1932. At the second quarterly conference of 1929 the following report was made:: "During the quarter we have lost one member, Dr. T. R. Harding at Yadkinville."

At the first quarterly conference of 1930 is this report. "The Yadkinville Missionary Society was organized in April of last year with a membership of twelve. We have paid in dues \$31.50 for this year. We have finished one mission study book." Mrs. Norman, president. The stewards for 1930 were M. A. Martin, H. F. Davis, Mrs. Raymond Cleary and Julia Holt.

In the pastor's report of this year at the fourth quarterly conference was a record of the Yadkinville Sunday School. "Officers and teachers 7, membership 131, offerings \$47.36, other items \$5.55."

In 1932 M. A. Martin became superintendent of Sunday School and held this office through 1934. At the third quarterly conference of 1932 the records show that this church was trying to improve its church building.

"Resolved that the trustees of Yadkinville church be and are hereby authorized to ask a donation from the Duke Foundation not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the purpose of building Sunday School rooms. M. H. Vestal, M. A. Martin, Raymond Cleary, F. D. B. Harding, and H. F. Davis building committee."

There is no further reference to this, and since the rooms were not built we may assume that the request was refused.

I. L. Sharpe began his services here as pastor in 1933 and remained through 1937. The pastor made the following report at the third quarterly conference of 1933. "Two young people's organizations have been organized; one at Center and one at Yadkinville. Both are doing good work."

At the fourth quarterly conference of 1934 there is this report: "The conference gratefully accepts the gift of a small lot at the rear of the Yadkinville church donated by Mrs. M. H. Vestal. Resolved that the board of trustees at Yadkinville church be authorized to accept donation from W. M. C. con. Board of Church Extension, and not exceeding \$200.00 to build four classrooms at the rear of said church."

Raymond Cleary was elected Superintendent of Sunday School for 1935 and held this office through 1939.

The records of the second quarterly conference of 1935 show that two Sunday Schools rooms have been completed at Yadkinville and are in use, and that Miss Estelle Johnson was elected a delegate to the district conference. This same year the Woman's Missionary Society raised \$34.00 for painting the church.

The church trustees for 1936 were L. W. Dixon, Mrs. John Reece, and H. F. Davis. The Stewards were Mrs. Raymond Cleary, H. F. Davis and Mrs. L. D. Kelly. During the same year the Woman's Missionary Society presented the church with a number of Methodist Hymnals.

In 1937 Raymond Cleary was elected a trustee of the church property and Roy Masson elected a steward. The pastor's salary was set at \$1400.00.

The pastor reports "The Vacation Bible School at Yadkinville had an enrollment of 49. Miss Erika Marx conducted a course for leaders of young people at Yadkinville." The pastor reports to the fourth quarterly conference. "The Yadkinville Woman's Missionary Society has paid for a walk in front of the church costing \$25.00, and Mr. Raymond Cleary paid for a concrete walk from the church at Yadkinville to the sidewalk."

Two young people's organizations are still going; at Yadkinville and East Bend.

This young people's organization was called the Y. Y. P.-C. A., Yadkinville Young People's Christain Association. It was a union meeting of all denominations. They used different church literature each quarter, and met in a different church each Sunday.

John H. Greene served this circuit as pastor in 1938 remaining through 1941. Brother Greene instructed the church in a new method of giving. By taking his advice all the financial obligations of the church were incorporated into one general fund. All obligations were paid out of this fund. Each member was urged to give each week rather than by the year. This was the first year in many years that all financial obligations were met without a drive at the end of the year. The church has used this system ever since and not once has it failed to have a surplus.

The following report was made at the first quarterly conference of 1938. "The parsonage trustees are authorized to sell a lot on north side of highway and apply proceeds to a water system in parsonage. They are also authorized to put said water system in parsonage."

M. A. Martin elected steward at Yadkinville.

At the fourth quarterly conference of 1938 a building committee was appointed for improving Yadkinville church. The committee being M. A. Martin, D. L. Kelly, Raymond Cleary and Roy C. Mason.

Many of the pastors' reports have been critical, no doubt justifiable, but the following is a report of the pastor to the second quarterly conference 1939.

"Our Superintendents of Sunday Schools are about as fine and faithful as you can find anywhere. Also our stewards and officials are working and standing right by their pastor in the great kingdom's work. May I say also that we have one of the best charge lay leaders to be found anywhere. In fact I think it would be hard to find a charge with seven churches and find a more loyal crowd than on this charge."

Yours in Christian Love, John H. Greene

The year of 1940 was an important one, for in that year all Methodist churches were united. There were three branches of the Methodist church dating back to the civil war: The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church South, and The Methodist Protestant Church. These were all united into the Methodist Church. By this union Mitchel's Chapel was added to this circuit. There had not been a change in the Yadkinville circuit since Longtown went to the Jonesville circuit in 1923.

The pastor's salary for 1940 was set at \$1600.00, Yadkin-

ville's part of the salary was \$250.00. Roy Mason was elected Superintendent of Sunday School in 1940 and served through 1941.

The following resolution was passed at the first quarterly conference of 1940.

"Whereas the Yadkinville circuit churches are in growing communities of Yadkin: located where the population is increasing; and whereas there are opportunities for church growth, requiring more time of the pastor to develop the work. Now therefore be it resolved that we the officials and members of various churches of the Yadkinville circuit of the Methodist Church do hereby respectfully request the Bishop and District Superintendent to form two charges. Boonville, Mitchel's Chapel, Center and Yadkinville churches to compose the Yadkinville Circuit. Prospect, Macedonia, Mt. Pleasant and East Bend churches to compose the East Bend Circuit. Signed C. G. Reavis, Mrs. J. R. Pendry, O. J. Fleming, E. W. Pardue, Mrs. E. W. Pardue, Mrs. L. D. Kelly, Miles A. Martin, Roy C. Mason, Mrs. Raymond Cleary, L. F. Amburn, J. O. Fleming, Mrs. N. C. Dobbins, F. E. Hurt, E. W. Castevens, N. P. Bryant, J. H. Pardue, Mrs. W. E. Shugart, J. R. Pendry, R. M. Castevens.

Amendment to above resolution:

"Resolved: That provided the District Superintendent can secure a satisfactory agreement with Macedonia, Prospect, Mt. Pleasant and East Bend relative to salary of new preacher and secure necessary funds to supplement the same without enjoining additional burden. Then this conference hereby endorses and accepts the proposed division."

At the second quarterly conference of 1940, Yadkinville was authorized to secure funds for building a new church.

In 1941 the division was completed leaving Boonville, Center, Mitchel's Chapel and Yadkinville on this circuit. The circuit remains the same to date.

The Stewards at Yadkinville for 1941 were Mrs. Raymond Cleary, Mrs. L. D. Kelly, Mrs. Lon West, Fred C. Hobson and M. A. Martin. The church trustees were L. W. Dixon, H. F. Davis and Raymond Cleary. The Pastor's salary for that year was \$1800.

W. Jackson Huneycutt served this circuit as pastor in 1942 remaining until March of 1944.

This record has been made using the calendar year altogether. At this time it is necessary to explain that the pastoral year begins in October and ends the following October. This is made to clarify the statement above and the statement below.

In November of 1941 W. Jackson Huneycutt, F. D. B. Harding, Fred C. Hobson and Roy C. Mason went to Duke University to see Mr. Haines, the Methodist church architect, about plans for the new church at Yadkinville.

The following is in the pastor's report to the second quarterly conference in 1942.

"First and foremost is the proposed church building at Yadkinville. Only yesterday we received specifications from Mr. Haines. Bids will be received very soon. The church can be built. If we are not tied up on priorities we will build now.

In a very fine spirit the churches of the charge raised \$200.00 for the purpose of putting a new roof on the rear side of the parsonage, papering and painting, and placing sheet rock on two walls of the downstairs rooms."

Mr. Huneycutt in his report asked that the parsonage be connected to the town water system. He gave four good reasons. We will quote the fourth given in order to get a little humor in this record.

"Fourth, the present water system is a nuisance. Some days I have to spend as much as two hours dipping water out of that despicable pit. (The pump was in a hole under the house with no walls, and when it rained surface water ran into the hole.) I regret to report that my educational background has provided me no training in dipping water from a pit under a parsonage; and I do not feel that such activities increase my ability to perform the professional duties incumbent upon me, unless it gives me a new conception of Hades. But the traditional conception is a pit of fire, not a pit of water. In the light of this explanation, I suggest that Quarterly Conference empower the parsonage committee to have the water connected before the next rain. My alternative suggestion is that, every time it rains, the stewards from various churches come to the parsonage, and take turn about dipping water."

The motion was carried to authorize parsonage committee to connect parsonage with water system at Yadkinville.

Fred C. Hobson was elected assistant Superintendent of Sunday School at Yadkinville. At the third quarterly conference it was reported that the parsonage had been connected to the town water system, and that the ladies at Yadkinville had purchased a new rocking chair for the parsonage, and 15 new Hymnals for the church.

The following is in the pastor's report to the fourth quarterly conference of 1942: "During the year Methodist Youth Fellowship have been organized in the Boonville, Center, and Mitchell's Chapel churches. One is to be organized at Yadkinville within the next ten days."

The year of 1942 was the first year of World War II, and there was considerable moving about of many church members.

The officers of the Yadkinville church for 1943 are listed below.

Stewards — Fred C. Hobson, Mrs. Lon West, Mrs. John Reece, Grady Royal, Mrs. L. D. Kelly, Robert McLaughlin and Lloyd Mason. Recording Steward — Mrs. Mary Jo Zachery. President Methodist Youth Fellowship — Richard Kelly. Church Trustees — Grady Royal, Luther Mason and Raymond Cleary. Parsonage Trustees — D. D. Martin, Raymond Cleary and John E. Williams. Church Treasurer — Lloyd Mason. Superintendent of Sunday School — Fred C. Hobson. Consecutively Mr. Hobson has held this important office longer than any superintendent in the church's one hundred-year history. Miss Emily Tuttle was adult counselor for the Youth Fellowship and Mrs. Fred C. Hobson was president of Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The building of the new church was postponed. World

War II was in progress and all materials were being used for defense purposes. Work was going on in the financial part, as money was raised and war bonds purchased.

In March of 1944 because of a Methodist minister being killed in an accident, there was of necessity many ministers moved — W. Jackson Huneycutt leaving here going to Franklin and H. D. Garmon coming here from Robinsville to fill out the rest of the year. He remained through 1948.

The following is in the pastor's report to the fourth quarterly conference 1944. "Money is still coming into the church building fund at Center and Yadkinville." That year the Yadkinville church was valued at \$2000.

In 1945 there were some changes in the church officials. H. M. Willis replaced Robert McLaughlin on the board of Stewards and Luther Mason was added. J. E. Williams replaced Grady Royal on the board of trustees and F. D. B. Harding was added.

In 1946 Trig Howell and D. D. Martin replaced H. M. Willis and Grady Royal on the board of Stewards and D. R. Perkins added. The pastor's salary was set at \$2400.

In 1947 George Shugart, Raymond Cleary, Lon H. West and Roy Mason were added to the board of Stewards. Mrs. George Shugart was elected President of Woman's Society of Christian Service.

May 5, 1947, I hereby give my consent to Rev. H. D. Garmon to hold a special session of the Yadkinville quarterly conference for the purpose of purchasing a lot for the new Methodist church and selling the present lot.

H. G. Allen, District Superintendent

"At a call session of the quarterly conference of the Yadkinville Methodist charge, August 3, 1947, Yadkinville Methodist Church, 3:30 P. M. with Rev. H. D. Garmon presiding, Fred C. Hobson, Secretary, the following resolution was presented and adopted.

Whereas, the Yadkinville Methodist Church desires to purchase a new church site in order to proceed with building program, and

Whereas, a desirable lot has been found to be available and bargaining has been agreed to by the church officers and the owners of the said lot, and

Whereas, the Yadkinville Church desires to sell the present church lot and apply the proceeds toward the purchase of the new lot.

Now therefore be it resolved, that this called session of the quarterly conference of the Yadkinville Methodist Charge do authorize and empower the trustees of the Yadkinville Methodist Church to negotiate the purchase and sale of the aforementioned properties and to proceed with the necessary legal and financial matters pertaining thereto."

Signed Herbert D. Garmon, Pastor, Fred C. Hobson, Secretary, B. Lloyd Mason, Chairman, Board of Stewards, F. D. B. Harding, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

The fourth quarterly conference authorized the pastor to make application to Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension for donation to help Yadkinville church purchase a church site.

In 1948 the pastor's salary was \$3000.00.

The new church lot was purchased for the sum of \$7000.00 on February 3, 1948, the church trustees being F. D. B. Harding, Raymond Cleary and L. C. Mason. The old church lot was sold at auction to R. V. Long for the sum of \$4600.00 on May 12, 1948.

The following is in the pastor's report to the fourth quarterly conference of 1948. "The Yadkinville church has sold its present church lot and purchased a more desirable lot. \$3500.00 was raised by the church to finish paying for the present lot."

"I wish to pay special tribute at this quarterly conference to two faithful officers of the charge who has passed in death, Mrs. L. D. Kelly, who for many years was a steward in the Yadkinville Church and Mr. J. Blum Long, who for many years was a steward and trustee of the Center Church. Both of these Saints nobly lived and served."

In September of this year preparation was made to move the old church building to the back of the new lot. It was to be used until the new church could be built. Much difficulty was encountered in the moving process, and it was sometime until it had reached its new site. During this moving period the Presbyterians invited us to meet with them. The building was placed on its new foundation in the latter part of October, and was used until the new church building was ready for occupancy. Then it was sold, torn down and moved away. Another landmark of time had served its purpose and given way to progress.

In 1949 W. R. Jenkins was the pastor serving through 1952. The board of Stewards were Lloyd Mason, Chairman, Trig Howell, L. C. Mason, Raymond Cleary, Fred C. Hobson, George Shugart, Bill Greene and Roy Mason. The Trustees were the same.

In the first of January 1949, a building committee was appointed composed of Roy Mason, Chairman, Fred C. Hobson, Bill Greene, Trig Howell, W. R. Jenkins, Sid Hutchens and George Shugart. At the same time a finance committee was appointed, composed of B. Lloyd Mason, Chairman, M. A. Martin, Raymond Cleary, Luther Mason and F. D. B. Harding.

The building committee began meeting in the different homes, making plans and discussing the many problems. There was on hand the sum of \$4518.25 with which to build a \$30,000 building. To do a task such as this a great deal of discussion was necessary. It was decided to dig the basement for the heating room and build the educational part of the building. The sanctuary and basement under it were to be left off until such time that money could be raised to build it.

After what seemed to be a very long time the small basement was dug on about the 10th of March 1949. By this time material was being delivered on the ground. A strange thing was happening, the finance committee had gotten into high gear, and money was coming from somewhere nobody seemed to know just where.

The building committee had to get busy, and before a brick was laid it was decided to dig the basement to the sanctuary, build the walls up to floor level, sub-floor it, cover it

with tar-paper and leave it until money could be raised to finish it.

The basement to the sanctuary was dug about the tenth of April. The first brick was laid the first week in May, although much work had been done previously.

By the time the educational part of the church was near completion, and with money still coming into the treasury, the building committee decided to build the framework of the sanctuary, put a roof on it and wrap it up in building paper. The framework of the sanctuary and brick work of the educational part were finished about the middle of July. Work stopped at this time because the money was all spent. Work was not resumed until the first week in September.

B. Lloyd Mason died August 23. In his death the church lost not only one of its most loyal members, but a faithful servant who at that time was treasurer of the church, Chairman of the board of Stewards and of the finance committee. Upon the passing of Mr. Mason, William L. Greene was elected treasurer.

Work on the interior of the educational part was begun the first week in September. The flooring was laid and partition walls were ceiled by free labor at night. Not only members of this church but other churches helped in this work. Refreshments were served each night by the good women of the church. In September there was a joint meeting of the finance and building committees at the home of V. T. Howell. It was decided to borrow \$7000 from two of the church members, Paul Warden and Raymond Cleary, who offered to loan the church \$3500 each, without interest.

Two notes were made September 21, each for the sum of \$3500 and signed by the following: Fred C. Hobson, F. D. B. Harding, George Shugart, N. P. Bryant, Luther C. Mason, Roy C. Mason, Lon H. West, M. A. Martin, J. O. Hutchens and V. T. Howell.

The brick work on the sanctuary was started about the first week in December, and carried on to completion.

A special session of the quarterly conference was called December 6, 1949 to adopt resolution authorizing the boards of trustees of Center and Yadkinville churches to accept \$3000 and \$3500 respectively from Duke Foundation Fund.

The new officers of the church in 1950 were Mrs. Lon West, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Paul Warden and Sid Hutchens, Stewards. Work on the interior of the sanctuary was begun about the first of February 1950, and carried on until completion. The windows were installed about the middle of June. On the 6th day of March 1950 the sanctuary was used for the first time. Although it was not completed it was usable.

The old church building was sold May 22, 1950 for \$200.00 to E. M. Wishon.

The money was received from Duke Foundation Fund April 17, 1950.

There were no changes in the church officials in 1951. During this year \$3000 was paid on the notes, cement walks were laid, the kitchen framed and ceiled, and the lawn grad-

ed. The records show that the church membership was 104. The Sunday School membership was 132, the average attendance was 98.

In August of 1951 Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, wife of the pastor passed away. She was in declining health nearly two years. She was an affectionate wife and mother, and a devout Christian.

In 1952 the pastor's salary was \$3200. During this year \$1000 was paid on the notes leaving a balance of \$3000.00. New pews and pulpit furniture were installed in June and paid for. There must be something said in the praise of one man who was greatly responsible for the pews. Mr. Raymond Cleary, with great determination and hard work sold eighteen pews at \$100 each. He did not stop until all the money was on hand when the pews were delivered.

C. D. Brown has served this circuit as pastor since October of 1952.

The pastor's salary in 1953 was \$3600.

Mrs. W. G. Wooten, Jr., was elected President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bowden elected adult counselors for Youth Fellowship.

During this year the basement was ceiled overhead and kitchen cabinets built, most of this work being done by the young adult Sunday School class. Also \$2000 was paid on the notes, leaving a balance of indebtedness against the church of \$1000. At the end of this year the church was valued at \$30,000, the church furniture at \$5000, and the parsonage at \$4000. The only changes in church officials for 1954 were R. D. Smith, steward, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hobson, counselors of Youth Fellowship, and Raymond Cleary, treasurer.

On January 17, 1954 at the morning worship service, the notes for \$7000.00 were burned in an impressive service. Luther C. Mason, chairman of the official board, held the notes as Rev. C. D. Brown set fire to them. This was a pleasant moment in the hearts of all those who had worked and sacrificed for this church building for five years since its beginning, and several years previous to that in financial donations and planning. It meant that a dream long in the hearts of the people had come true. That at last the church was paid for.

I am thankful for the opportunity of a small part in this venture for God's kingdom. As we have sacrificed and worked for this house, which is the symbol of God with us, may we be led to a greater work and a greater sacrifice for his people.

I am thankful for the opportunity of working with the people of this church. I do not believe that a more cooperative and congenial group of people this size can be found anywhere. Christian love, fellowship and service were in evidence throughout the entire building program.

As I have studied the history of this church throughout its one hundred years of existence, I have been deeply humbled, and I would like to pass on a small warning to each of you. Do not praise yourself or this present membership too highly for its work done. We have only done what has fallen our lot to do. I think back to those laymen and pastors who struggled through the first years of this church's organization.

To those who ventured out in the cause of Christ, who dared to move forward under circumstances in which it would be hard for us to exist.

Those good men and women and those faithful ministers of the gospel, who worked, served, lived and died in the service of and for the cause of Christ, that we might have this our heritage.

When I gaze upon this structure I can in mind's eye see the name of those good people written upon each brick. Those who first served at the bottom and as the years pass different names are added course by course until it becomes our privilege to add our names to the top course. In truth we alone have not built this church but have added our names to the list of builders, and others who come after us will carry on the work.

Lest we rest upon the laurels of our accomplishments let us realize that our duty and responsibility to our children and children's children is not only a better church building in which to worship, but a better community and a more wholesome society in which to live.

Onward, christian soliders; marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see His banners go.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

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